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THE WITNESS: Page three, okay --

THE COURT: Mr. Solotaroff, are you referring to the page three as stamped by ECF or page three on bottom right-hand corner of these e-mails?

 $$\operatorname{\mathtt{MR}}$. Solotaroff: Page three on the bottom right-hand corner.$

THE COURT: Just for the record, we're now looking at a document that, as filed on ECF, is document 50-2, and on ECF it is page 5 of 81 of that document. It so happens that the document on the bottom right-hand corner bears the number page 3, but I'm giving you the ECF notification designation so that there's no ambiguity about what's being referred to.

THE WITNESS: I'm lost.

THE COURT: At the end of this conference, by the way, I'm going to direct that -- I think it's most reliable if I put this on the SEC -- that all exhibits that have been referred to or received in this hearing be put on the public docket of this case.

Unfortunately, the way that this has proceeded, a somewhat chaotic use of exhibits has been had. And it will be very hard to reconstruct what was being referred to. And I think, Mr. Roessner, I think you are in the position most reliably to make sure that the ECF record of the case is complete.

MR. ROESSNER: Your Honor, that's not a problem. The SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

172 Kapur - redirect F5leschc only issue that I want to bring forward is the CHIPS document we had yesterday, the additional CHIPS records that we received, I'd like to redact those. 3 THE COURT: I'm not discussing right now redactions. 4 I'm certainly open to proper redacting, if there is a 5 justification for it. 6 My point is that it doesn't appear that everybody has 7 put their records up on ECF. Mr. Kapur perhaps understandably 8 is less facile with the technology, but I think, as we've seen 9 here, Mr. Solotaroff, with respect, larding on additions to 10 documents in court is no way to create a clear record of what 11has been filed. I'm going to ask that you coordinate with 12 Mr. Roessner, and that Mr. Roessner ultimately take 13 responsibility for making sure that the ECF record is clear and 14 distinct as to what each exhibit was. Okay? 15 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Yes. 16 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Solotaroff. 17 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Judge, I'm just going to approach and 18 hand Mr. Kapur the relevant page of the document to refresh his 19 recollection, Judge. 20 THE COURT: Yes. 21 22 BY MR. SOLOTAROFF: Q. Mr. Kapur, does that refresh your recollection that you 23 told MossFon that the source of the funds was your own savings 24 25 and earnings? SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C.

173 Kapur - redirect F5leschc A. I was just talking --1 THE COURT: Mr. Kapur, it's a yes-or-no question. Did 2 you represent that to MossFon? 3 A. That my general source of funds were my savings, earnings 4 over the years from my past work experience and my businesses? 5 Q. Yes. 6 7 A. Correct. Q. Okay. Now, what was the managed account platform, the separate one that you launched, what was it called? 9 A. Could you repeat the question? 10 Q. Sure. You testified that there was a managed account 11 platform that you launched. What was it called? 12 A. As part of AIM Advisory Group? 13 Q. Yes. 14 A. We were setting up a standardized structure called the 15 diversified strategy managed account platform. So that was one 16 of the standardized products we were looking to launch. And 17 other than that, we had a full managed account program within 18 the AIM entity. 19 Q. And that was under the auspices of AIM Advisory Group? 20 A. Correct. That was the name of the company. 21 Q. If you could turn to the testimony in the big binder on 22 July 9, 2014. Turn to page 20. 23 Mr. Kapur, were you asked this question and did you 24 give this answer: 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

174 Kapur - redirect F5leschc "Q What's AIM Advisory Group, LLC? 1 "A It's Bina Rai's art business." Was that your testimony? 3 A. That's correct. 4 Q. And if you turn to the next page, page 21, line 20. Do you 5 6 see that? A. That's correct. 7 Q. Was this your testimony: Where did AIM Advisory Group get 8 its start-up capital from? 9 "A It was Ms. Rai's capital." 10 Do you see that? 11 A. I do. 12 Q. Now, I think one of the entities that you mentioned as a 13 private -- that was a managed account client was the Mangusta 14 15 group? A. Correct. 16 Q. If you could turn back to page 11 --17 THE COURT: Of what? 18 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Of same date, Judge. Sorry. July 9, 19 20 page 11. 21 Q. Are you there, Mr. Kapur? Correct. 22 Q. And that was testimony under oath before the Court, right? 23 A. Page 11, all of it? 24 Q. The whole thing. 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

Kapur - redirect F5leschc 1 A. Yes. Q. Were you asked this question and did you give this answer: 2 "Q Well, what's that? 3 "A I believe the Mangusta group was catered for." Mangusta. 4 5 You spelled it. "Q Who were they? 6 "A They are an institutional investor. 7 "Q That invested in ThinkStrategy? 8 "A In one of the funds, correct." 9 Was that your testimony? 10 A. That is, yes. 11 MR. SOLOTAROFF: I don't believe I have anything else, 12 Judge. Let me just check. Oh, yes, just a couple other 13 14 questions. Q. Mr. Kapur, when you had a managed account client, clients 15 that you say you had, what paperwork would be filled out in 16 connection with opening up a managed account for a client, with 17 the client? 18 A. We would traditionally have a managed account agreement. 19 Q. And have you looked for any of these managed account 20 agreements that should exist, if what you're telling us is 21 22 true? A. I haven't been asked to look for it, but I could look at 23 the files I have for it, sure. 24 THE COURT: Do you believe you have such records? 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

Kapur - redirect F5leschc THE WITNESS: At this point, no, your Honor. 1 MR. SOLOTAROFF: I don't have anything else, Judge. 2 THE COURT: Mr. Kapur, you've heard some redirect 3 examination from both lawyers. This now is your opportunity 4 for what's called recross-examination. What that means is to 5 the extent that there are subjects that you would like to 6 address responsive to the topics that have just been taken up 7 by Mr. Roessner and Mr. Solotaroff, you're at liberty to give 8 testimony as to that. Is there anything you would like to say 9 with respect to the questions or the topics that have just been 10 11 raised? THE WITNESS: Yes, your Honor. 12 13 RECROSS EXAMINATION THE WITNESS: Just to clarify a couple of things that 14 were implied by Mr. Solotaroff's questioning. I believe 15 Mangusta was a managed account client, as well as a fund 16 investor. They were one of the largest investors or larger 17 investors with our group. 18 In terms of the AIM Advisory Group company, that 19 company, once it wound down at the end of 2011, has an 20 investment management company. It was then open and available 21 to be used for any purpose or any sort of business. And 22 Ms. Rai used it as part of her art business structure. 23 THE COURT: Anything further? 24 THE WITNESS: No, your Honor. 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

177 F5leschc Kapur - recross THE COURT: All right. Mr. Roessner, do you have any 1 2 reredirect? MR. ROESSNER: No, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Mr. Solotaroff, do you have any 4 5 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Just I'll ask one question. I'll ask 6 it from here. 7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 8 9 BY MR. SOLOTAROFF: Q. Mr. Kapur, have you reached out to the Mangusta group in 10 preparation for this hearing? 11 12 A. I have not. 13 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Nothing further, Judge. THE COURT: Okay. Anything further from you, 14 15 Mr. Kapur? 16 THE WITNESS: No, your Honor. 17 THE COURT: You may step down. 18 (Witness excused) 19 THE COURT: Your testimony, at least as called by the 20 SEC, is complete. 21 All right. Mr. Roessner, you've now called three witnesses and we've completed the examination of each. We've 22 also received per stipulation all the exhibits in your binder. 23 Does the SEC have anything further at this hearing? 24 25 MR. ROESSNER: No, your Honor. SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

178 Kapur - redirect F5leschc THE COURT: Mr. Solotaroff, again, apart from what's 1 already been received, including by stipulation, do you have 2 3 anything? MR. SOLOTAROFF: No, Judge. 4 THE COURT: Mr. Kapur, at this point the hearing 5 pivots to you. Are there any witnesses you wish to call? 6 MR. KAPUR: No, your Honor. 7 THE COURT: Is there any additional testimony you wish 8 9 to give of your own? 10 MR. KAPUR: No, your Honor. THE COURT: Are there any other exhibits you wish to 11 12 offer? MR. KAPUR: No, your Honor. 13 THE COURT: So if I'm correct, no party has any 14 additional evidence they wish to offer at the hearing, correct? 15 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Yes, Judge, that's correct. 16 17 MR. ROESSNER: That's correct, your Honor. 18 THE COURT: One moment. (Pause) Counsel, here I have a handful of things with respect 19 to next steps. It would benefit me to receive post-hearing 20 briefs from all sides. I'd like to make this expeditious, and 21 I think I can help focus you. 22 To my mind, the issue here really involves the third 23 24 of the Huber prongs: The issue of whether the alleged contemnor, here Mr. Kapur, has clearly established his 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

F5leschc Kapur - redirect inability to comply with the terms of the order, in this case meaning the final judgments in the SEC case, as well as the Schwarz case.

I would welcome receiving -- and I'm going to set a due date of next Friday, May the 29th -- briefs from each side addressing that point. For my benefit, I think it would be useful if the parties could break out, if you will, in categories the evidence that has been received, such that, for example, it seems to me that there have been a number of topics that have been ventilated here.

There appear to be account or accounts at Bank Sarasin. There appears to be an account at Bank Vontobel. There's an engagement ring. There is the Porsche, which may be a reopened issue. There are loans from family and friends. It would benefit me, rather than putting this all together holistically, for you to break out in your discussion what the evidence has shown as to each of the various points. The listing I just gave was not meant to be comprehensive. I'm just saying that from my point of view, there's a lot that has been received. And it will help me if you're able to break out what the evidence has shown as to each of these particular categories.

Mr. Kapur, I am mindful that you have been representing yourself. Once again, you are at liberty to have the assistance of counsel. I have found, as you know, that you SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C.

F5leschc Kapur - redirect do not qualify for court appointed counsel here. Just because you appeared today without counsel doesn't mean that you have waived your right to bring to bear counsel. I encourage you to seek out counsel to assist you. It can only help you.

I also am mindful that in some of your testimony yesterday and today you referred to the possibility of looking for records of one sort or another. You made reference to your tax returns. You also made reference to various accounts; records, for example, relating to managed accounts. I understand that your testimony has been, as to at least records of your business and records of the managed accounts, that you are pessimistic that you could, in fact, find any of those records. But you've indicated you would like to look.

I'm going to ask you, if you have any records that are responsive to any of the questions that have been asked, you file those with the Court, with copies to your adversaries, by next Wednesday, May the 27th. That way, in the unlikely but not impossible event that there are responsive records that you have, counsel will be able to take account of them in their filings due May 29th.

It definitely would benefit me, for what it's worth, if you're able to produce copies of your tax returns going all the way back really to the year 2000. It seems to me that inasmuch as an important issue here involves not so much assets of the ThinkStrategy company's but of your own, you have not SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C.

181 Kapur - redirect F5leschc come forward with any evidence with respect to your income 1 during the last number of years. That is clearly at least a 2 relevant data point in reflecting on whether you have -- and 3 whether it's plausible that you don't have the assets to pay at 4 least some of the judgments here. 5 MR. KAPUR: Just from one point, your Honor, on the 6 tax return, I believe that while I will submit a full set of 7 tax returns from the year 2000, I believe --8 THE COURT: 2000 going forward. 9 10 MR. KAPUR: 2000 going forward. THE COURT: I don't mean just that year. I'm saying 11 that I'm trying to get a longer sense of your income earning. 12 It may be that your tax returns don't fully report all your 13 income, but I'm assuming anything you do report on your tax 14 returns was at least accurate, insofar as if you reported 15 income, at least that much you did receive. I am interested in 16 seeing going back to the year 2000 what income you reported. 17 It is relevant evidence to me in assessing your claim that you 18 have an inability to pay any of the judgments against you. 19 MR. KAPUR: Yes, your Honor. I would just note --20 THE COURT: You do have your own tax returns, right? 21 MR. KAPUR: I do, but not going back all the way to 22 2000, your Honor. I have them probably going back to 2003 23 24

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THE COURT: Fine. Whatever you have would benefit me SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

F5leschc Kapur - redirect to have a copy of those. I want you to make a copy, though, 1 2 for each of your adversaries, okay? MR. KAPUR: Yes, your Honor. I would just note that 3 Exhibit 9 that I submitted has my tax returns I believe from 4 5 2004 on. THE COURT: Okay. Very good. Well, I'm not asking 6 you, then, to produce something that has already been produced. 7 MR. KAPUR: I see. 8 THE COURT: But, however, to the extent that it has 9 not been produced, I would be interested in receiving it. 10 All right. Mr. Roessner, I will ask you to take 11 responsibility just for making sure that the public record of 12 the case, meaning what's on ECF, contains each of the exhibits. 13 It probably would make sense for this to be done in the 14 following way: For you to have an attorney's declaration that 15 identifies using the exhibit numbers that were used here today, 16 each of the exhibits that at least to date is not yet up on 17 ECF. That way there will be a very clear record, should anyone 18 need to review the ruling in this case, exactly what evidence, 19 what exhibit -- the documents that each exhibit correspond to. 20 I want to set a next inperson conference in this case, 21 and I want to do it here and now, so that there is no doubt 22 that everyone will be here. 23 The next conference in the case in person will be set 24 for July the 7th at 3:30 p.m. That's a Tuesday. 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C.

183 Kapur - redirect F5leschc Mr. Kapur, you'll be able to attend that? 1 MR. KAPUR: Yes, your Honor. 2 THE COURT: Mr. Solotaroff? 3 MR. SOLOTAROFF: Yes, Judge, I'm open that day. 4 THE COURT: Mr. Roessner? 5 6 MR. ROESSNER: Yes, your Honor. THE COURT: I expect all to be here that day. 7 Mr. Kapur, to the extent that you need to be contacted 8 by the Court or by counsel, I take it your e-mail address and 9 your residential address are unchanged; i.e., we can all 10 continue to reach you at those addresses? 11 MR. KAPUR: Yes, your Honor. 12 THE COURT: I expect that I will have a decision in 13 this case that issues in advance of the July 7th conference. 14 So keep a look out for it, Mr. Kapur. We will obviously, if a 15 decision issues before then, get it to you both by e-mail, as 16 17 well as at your address, okay? 18 Are you on ECF, Mr. Kapur? 19 MR. KAPUR: No, your Honor. I did fill out a form and the -- in the pro se office, but I haven't received anything 20 21 from ECF. THE COURT: I would encourage you to go to the pro se 22 office to find out why it is that you're not gaining access to 23 ECF. It shouldn't be hard. 24 That said, the parties continue to be directed to make 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

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 Mr. Kapur, let me say one thing to you. I am going to reserve judgment in this case until I receive the parties' post-hearing briefs, but I don't want to leave you with any misunderstanding about the following: There is a very substantial chance that I will rule against you in this case. There is a very substantial chance that I will find you in contempt and find, therefore, that the sanction requested here of incarceration by the SEC is merited as a means of compelling you to disgorge the money that you are owed to the SEC. I am putting you on notice that there is a substantial likelihood of that, based on what I have heard. Again, I'm going to reflect on the post-hearing briefs, but I think there is value in my saying that to you now.

You have a very significant interest in paying the judgments against you. I understand that you have taken the position in court that you have no money; that the various evidence with respect to Swiss bank accounts and the like references somebody else's money other than yours. You've also admitted as to the engagement ring that your family is holding \$92,000 in proceeds, or, rather, proceeds of the sale of that ring.

Whatever the assets are, I'm saying the following to you: It is in your interest, whatever you have said in court SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C.

185 Kapur - redirect F5leschc denying your access to that money, to start finding a way to 1 2 get that money together; because there is a very substantial likelihood that I'm going to find against you and enter the 3 contempt sanction and put you in jail as a means of spurring 4 you to comply with the Court's outstanding orders. 5 I'm not seeking a comment from you now. I'm just 6 simply putting you on notice, because I'm aware that it may 7 take some time for you to free up those moneys. It is 8 significantly in your interest to start working on that now. 9 I'm not asking for a commentary. Do you understand, 10 though, what I have said? 11 MR. KAPUR: Yes, your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Very good. Is there anything further from 13 14 plaintiff? MR. SOLOTAROFF: Yes, Judge. Two things. One, given 15 what the Court just said, I would ask that the Court order 16 Mr. Kapur to surrender his passport to the Court or to pretrial 17 services or some court entity that would be appropriate. 18 THE COURT: Mr. Kapur, where is your passport? 19 20 MR. KAPUR: At my residence, your Honor. 21 THE COURT: Where? 22 MR. KAPUR: At home. THE COURT: I'm going to ask you tomorrow to bring in 23 your passport and to supply it to my chambers. 24 25 One moment. Ms. Hummel? (Pause) SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

186 Kapur - redirect F5leschc Mr. Kapur, you are to bring your passport and any 1 other travel documents to the Court tomorrow. There will be my 2 law clerks in chambers to receive it. But I think 3 Mr. Solotaroff's point is well taken, that I don't want you to 4 feel the temptation to avoid the authority or attempt to avoid 5 the authority of this Court by using your travel documents to 6 7 leave the country. I see you shaking your head, and I understand you are 8 representing that, of course, you wouldn't do so. But I have 9 seen others succumb to that temptation under similar 10 11 circumstances. 12 Do you understand? MR. KAPUR: Yes, your Honor. 13 THE COURT: By noon tomorrow, please bring your 14 passport and any travel documents to my chambers. We will hold 15 16 them for safekeeping. 17 Thank you, Mr. Solotaroff. Good suggestion. MR. SOLOTAROFF: And one housekeeping suggestion is 18 that just so that -- Mr. Kapur may not understand this. He 19 probably needs to call your chambers from downstairs, because 20 certainly the marshals are not going to let him --21 22 THE COURT: That's correct. Mr. Kapur, when you arrive in this building, explain that you need to contact my 23 chambers. One of my law clerks will be able to come down and 24 25 retrieve the passport from you at security.

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MR. SOLOTAROFF: Secondly, Judge, I also ask that you order Mr. Kapur to not apply for another passport prior to the hearing on July 7th, and that your Honor make that order in a way that the SEC and I can send the order to the passport authorities so that they understand that.

THE COURT: Yes. I will issue a written order today that recites the fact that we have directed Mr. Kapur to provide his passport to my chambers for safekeeping by noon tomorrow, and that Mr. Kapur is directed not to seek to apply for a passport or other international travel documents, pending the Court's hearing on July the 7th.

MR. SOLOTAROFF: And then finally, Judge, I would just like the opportunity -- and I'm not sure I'm going to make use of it, but if either the SEC or the Schwarzes want to submit our own additional documents, that we also have the opportunity to do it by, I guess, the 27th.

THE COURT: Mr. Solotaroff, the record of the conference is closed. The hearing is closed. Mr. Kapur made reference in response to your examination questions and that of Mr. Roessner to the possibility that he has some documents that are responsive to your questions. He is pro se, and I think it is the right outcome for him to have the opportunity to look for those documents.

In the event that those documents unexpectedly both are produced and prompt the need to reopen the hearing, you're SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C.

188 Kapur - redirect F5leschc at liberty to try that. But you're an admitted attorney. 1 time for you to present evidence on this is over, unless there 2 is some issue that is fairly opened by the documents that 3 Mr. Kapur may present. 4 Is there something specific you have in mind? We have 5 6 to stop this eventually. MR. SOLOTAROFF: The only specific thing was -- and I 7 think they've been even submitted before, but there are 8 ThinkStrategy audit reports which show the fees that the 9 capital management company earned over the years. I would 10 think that that would be --11 THE COURT: Is that part of the trial record from the 12 ThinkStrategy, from the Schwarz trial? 13 MR. SOLOTAROFF: It might be, Judge. 14 THE COURT: If it's part of that record, that's fine. 15 Then it's already within the scope of the record of the case. 16 But there was an opportunity to present evidence. I 17 think the time has passed, unless it is fairly responsive to a 18 door opened by Mr. Kapur's post-hearing evidence. 19 MR. SOLOTAROFF: That's fine, Judge. 20 21 THE COURT: Anything further from you, Mr. Solotaroff? MR. SOLOTAROFF: No, Judge. 22 THE COURT: Anything from you, Mr. Roessner? 23 MR. ROESSNER: The only point is that Exhibit 7, the 24 new expanded version, if I can just get a copy of that. And I 25 SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORTERS, P.C. (212) 805-0300

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